to introduce, in phases, a 3-tier Service TV as under :—

(i) *Primary Service*

Each major State should have its own primary service in the language of the State which should be available through out the State. This service would originate from the State capital and carry programmes of interest to various sections of the population. A studio centre at the State capital, linked to the relay transmitters in the State through dedicated microwave circiuts or satellite, is essential for this service.

(ii) *National Service*

This service should be available throughout the country and comprise quality programmes of national relevance produced at Delhi as well as other programme production centres in the country.

(iii) *Local Service*

Local service should be available for a limited duration of the primary channel transmitter, to cater for local requirements and events, in culturally distinct, important parts of major States. In metropolitan cities, which have multi-lingual viewership with distinct cultural characteristics local service requires longer transmission time and hence separate transmitters. Provision of separate transmitters at such cities would also ensure that the character of the primary service, emanating from these (capital) cities, of the concerned States is not affected by demands for multilingual and more urban-oriented programmes from the metropolitan viewers.

2. Within the available resources, attempts have been made in the VII Plan proposals to achieve the foregoing objectives. Towards introduction of primary service, it is proposed to (i) set up TV studio centres at the capitals of six major States (Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Tripura) where facilities for programme production do not exist and (ii) augment, wherever necessary, the existing programme production facilities at the capitals of other States. Limited programme generation facilities are also proposed to be provided at the capitals of smaller States and Union Territories (except Lakshadweep and Dadra and Nagar Haveli). Further, provision has been made for satellite uplinks and additional dedicated microwave links in various States to link the replay transmitters in individual States with the TV centres at the respective State capitals. National service is already available throughout the country. Creation of new programme production centres, augmentation of existing programme production centres and establishment of satellite/microwave links will furthr strengthen the national service. Finally, with regard to local service, provision has been made for second channel service at the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and for establishment of programme production centres at some important cities (other than capitals) in some major States.

Shortage of steel

*100. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are anticipating shortage of steel by the turn of the century; if so, the quantum of shortage anticipated ;

(b) the measures taken to gear-up the existing steel plants in the country with details of plan for modernisation, expansion, and construction of new steel plants ; and

(c) the reasons for slashing allocation for steel plants in the Seventh Five Year Plan in view of the anticipated shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The Working Group on Iron and Steel set up by the Planning Commission has identified a gap of about 5·26 million tonnes between the likely

demand and availability of finished mild steel in the country during 1999-2000.

(b) and (c) The Bhilai and Bokaro Steel Plants are being expanded to attain capacities of 4 million tonnes of ingot steel per annum. These capacities will be attained by about the middle of 1988.

Schemes have been formulated to modernise the steel plants at Rourkela Durgapur and Burnpur so that they may be able to operate at their capacities. During the 7th Plan, there are provisions of Rs. 360 crores and Rs. 460 crores for the modernisation of the plants at Rourkela and Durgapur, respectively. However, in view of constraint of resources, no provision has been possible for modernisation of IISCO. The possibility of obtaining technical and financial assistance for this scheme from Japan is being explored.

TISCO is expanding its capacity to 2.1 million tonnes of saleable steel.

The Visakahapatnam Steel Plant is expected to be commissioned at the beginning of the 8th Plan.

Arrears of House Rent and Electricity charges outstanding against Ministers

535 .SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of amount outstanding against every former Union Minister and former M.P. on account of house rent and electricity and water charges, separately ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : The Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Housing work to big companies

536. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority propose to award housing work to big construction companies on turnkey basis; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA has invited tenders for construction of 12,000 pre-fabricated houses based on large panel industrialised building technique.

Posts reserved for SC/ST in Government of India Press

537. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes in the cadre of section holder, reader, compositor Grade I and other administrative staff in all branches of Government of India Press (including Rashtrapati Bhawan Press);

(b) the number of such posts actually filled by those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the above cadres during the last three years;

(c) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were carried forward over the last three years; and

(d) the number of vacancies dereserved in each grade/post and the reasons therefor?